

Sister Talk: Resuscitate Your Faith Going Deeper – Week 10: Intercession

Memory Verse:

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people...

1Timothy 2:1 ESV

Gratitude: There is no better way to remember who you are... whose you are... than to give thanks. Write down things you are thankful for this week.

This Week's Spiritual Discipline

Throughout our faith journeys we have practiced a variety of spiritual disciplines. Spiritual disciplines are simply habits or activities we exercise to help us grow in faith. Each week we will make a suggestion for you to try.

Take it Captive: Intercede

Last week we took note of all our complaints. Did you discover you complain more than you thought? Now, knowing the problem, what do we do with all this complaining? Take it to God in prayer.

This week, take your complaining attitudes, thoughts, and words and turn them into intercessory prayer. Pray over and for the situation, circumstance or person at the core of the complaint. Invite God into your heart, into the life of the person, into the situation. Take the complaint captive and give it to Him in prayer.

We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ... 1Corinthians 10:5 NASB95

Devoted to Prayer: Intercession

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Day 1</i></p> <p>intercession—prayer petition or entreaty in favor of another</p> <p>Read Exodus 32:1-14 and Ezekiel 22:23-31</p> <p>List the similarities and differences between the events and attitudes taking place in these two passages: the people involved, God, the circumstances, the outcomes.</p> <p>Infant Israel being led from captivity by Moses. A stiff-necked people with a leader whose heart was for God. Hundreds of years later, in Ezekiel’s day, the formerly great nation of Israel now not so great. The same stiff-necks, but no godly leader. Vastly different outcomes.</p> <p>What do these narratives tell you about intercession? About the heart of an intercessor?</p> <p>What do these passages reveal about the heart of God?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Day 4</i></p> <p>Read Ephesians 6:18</p> <p>How are we to pray? What does it mean to pray in the Spirit?</p> <p>Read Romans 8:26-27</p> <p>How does the Spirit help us? How does the Spirit pray?</p> <p>The Spirit prays according to the will of God. And when we don’t know how to pray He does.</p> <p>Consider a current heartfelt prayer request. Pray in the Spirit. Ask the Spirit to show you how to pray. Pray as the Spirit leads. Even if no words come, bring the situation or prayer before God and hold it there. Ask the Spirit to intercede.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Day 2</i></p> <p>intercede—to intervene between parties with a view to reconciling differences: mediate</p> <p>Read Hebrews 7:23-25</p> <p>Who is it who saves completely and always lives to make intercession? [If necessary, read the verses before this passage to determine who it is.]</p> <p>Read Hebrews 9:24</p> <p>Where did Jesus go? What did He do there?</p> <p>Read Romans 8:34</p> <p>Where is Jesus now? What is He doing? As disciples or followers of Jesus, what should we do? How do we go about doing what He did? What does it look like in your life to intercede for others before God?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Day 5</i></p> <p>Read Psalm 107:1-32</p> <p>What happens over and over, in this psalm? List the different troubles and God’s intervention to their cries for Him to intercede in their lives.</p> <p>What motivates God’s response to those who cry out to Him in prayer? What response does the psalmist call the redeemed to give?</p> <p>God loves all He created. He sent His Son to intercede for us in our trouble with sin. When we cry out in need, He responds in steadfast love.</p> <p>Read the verses again. What person or situation comes to mind as you consider the troubles and needs? Cry out to God on their behalf. Intercede for the situation, pray His Word back to Him. Then: <i>Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Day 3</i></p> <p>Read Matthew 6:7-13</p> <p>Jesus taught us to pray like this. Can you identify prayers of intercession in His model for prayer? What are they?</p> <p>Re-read Matthew 6:7-8</p> <p>What instructions does Jesus give His disciples about prayer? What does our Father already know? If God is Sovereign and He knows what we need before we ask, why do you think He wants us to ask? What does this reveal about our Father in heaven?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Want to learn more?</i></p> <p>Sister Talk: Going Deeper is an extension of Sister Talk: Resuscitate Your Faith. You can find more on Intercession by going to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SisterTalkFaith.wordpress.com</p> <p>Scroll to the bottom and search Week2/Day 5 Intercession to review more information on Devoted to Prayer: Intercession.</p> <p>Sign up to receive blog posts by e-mail and each day’s lesson will come straight to your inbox.</p> <p>Follow us on Instagram for encouragement along the journey at sistertalkfaith.</p>